

BRIDGE OVER THE MISSOURI RIVER AT LEXINGTON, MO.

APRIL 20, 1904.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. SHACKLEFORD, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 15195.]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 15195) authorizing the construction of a wagon, toll, and electric railway bridge over the Missouri River at Lexington, Mo., having considered the same, report it with amendments, and as amended recommend its passage.

The bill thus amended has the approval of the War Department, as will appear by the annexed letter, the amendments referred to therein having been incorporated in the bill as reported.

Amend as follows:

On page 1 strike out the last three words, "at least one," in line 7, and all of line 8, up to and including the word "bridge."

On page 2, in line 1, after the word "by," strike out the word "its" and insert in lieu thereof the word "the."

On page 2, in line 13, after the word "prescribe," strike out the period, insert a colon in lieu thereof, and add the following:

And provided further, That all street railway companies desiring the use of said bridge shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of cars over the same and over approaches thereto upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use, and in case of disagreement, upon such terms and conditions as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of War upon hearing the allegations and proofs of the parties in interest.

On page 3, in line 18, after the word "fifty," strike out the word "five."

On page 3, in line 19, after the word "above," strike out the word "mean."

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS,
Washington, April 20, 1904.

SIR: I have the honor to return herewith a letter, dated the 19th instant, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the House of Representatives,

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inclosing, for the views of the War Department thereon, H. R. 15195, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session, "A bill authorizing the construction of a wagon, toll, and electric railway bridge over the Missouri River at Lexington, Missouri," and in reply to its reference to this Office I beg to recommend certain amendments to the bill, which are indicated on a copy of the same herewith submitted. As thus amended the bill, in my opinion, makes ample provision for the protection of navigation interests, and I know of no objection to its passage by Congress so far as those interests are concerned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. MACKENZIE,

Brig. Gen., Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army.

HON. WILLIAM H. TAFT,
Secretary of War.

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